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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1458

Introduced by Assembly Member Reyes
(~~Coauthor: Assembly Member Strickland~~)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Calderon, Cohn, Frommer,
Jerome Horton, Nunez, Ridley-Thomas, and Strickland)
(Coauthor: Senator Cedillo)

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An act to add Section 18640.5 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to boxing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1458, as amended, Reyes. Boxing contests.

Existing law, the Boxing Act, provides for the regulation of boxing contests by the State Athletic Commission.

This bill would require the commission to ~~seek to attract major professional championship boxing contests to the State of California so long as the safety and welfare of the boxers and the public are not jeopardized. The bill would require the commission to~~ regularly convene certain stakeholder meetings for the purposes of determining ~~how the best approaches~~ to attract major professional boxing contests to the State of California. The bill would require costs of the commission incurred by implementing the bill to be covered by existing resources of the commission.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares the
2 following:

3 (a) Major professional championship boxing contests attract
4 national and international live audiences.

5 (b) Typically over one-third of attendees to major professional
6 championship boxing contests come from outside the State of
7 California.

8 (c) Major professional championship boxing contests being
9 held in California translate into a net increase in jobs, contributions
10 to the boxers' pension fund, in business activity, and in state and
11 local revenue.

12 SEC. 2. Section 18640.5 is added to the Business and
13 Professions Code, to read:

14 18640.5. (a) The commission shall ~~seek~~ *regularly convene*
15 *stakeholder meetings to determine the best approaches* to attract
16 major professional championship boxing contests to the State of
17 California so long as the safety and welfare of the boxers and the
18 public are not jeopardized.

19 ~~(b) The commission shall regularly convene stakeholder~~
20 ~~meetings subject to the following:~~

21 *(b) The stakeholder meetings shall be subject to the following*
22 *requirements:*

23 (1) The meetings shall be held quarterly ~~in Sacramento or~~ in
24 conjunction with the regularly scheduled meetings of the
25 commission and shall include, but not be limited to, boxing
26 promoters, boxing event venues, boxers, ~~and~~ sports news outlets,
27 *local agencies that have an interest in hosting boxing events, and*
28 *others the commission believes have an interest in attracting major*
29 *professional championship boxing contests to the State of*
30 *California.*

31 (2) The purpose of the meetings shall be to determine how the
32 commission, in conjunction with boxing stakeholders, may work
33 in a coordinated fashion to attract major professional
34 championship boxing contests to the State of California.



- 1 (c) Costs incurred by the commission in implementing this
- 2 section shall be covered by existing resources of the commission.

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